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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

209 W. Mitchell Road

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 209 W. Mitchell Road, Friday, December 4, 2020 at 1:19 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-one (31) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief T. Gentry was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 1:37 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for three (3) adults.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$25,000.00 structure and \$15,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be careless use of smoking materials in bed.

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their *place* of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>.

Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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